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In re application of:

Viggo L. NORUM et al.

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Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

Each of the patent publications identified on the attached form were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in connection with the international phase of the present application (PCT/DE02/00577). A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully solicited.

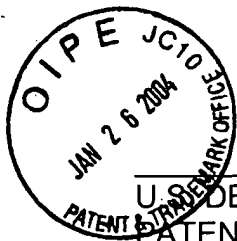
Should the Examiner have any question he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>EX'R. INIT.</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS/SUBCLASS</u>
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_____	EP 0 149 020 A2	7/1985	European Patent Office	Yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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